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SUBJ: AMERICANS CAPTURED IN BAN ME THUOT

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1. AT JAPANESE NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION APRIL 29, HUNGARIAN DEPUTY FONMIN RACZ TOLD MCAULIFFE THAT HE JUST RECEIVED EARLIER THAT MORNING REPORT FROM SAIGON THAHQFIGHTING HAD INTENSIFIED AND THAT U.S. IN PROCESS OF EVACUATING AMERICAN PERSONNEL. RACZ SAID U.S. AUTHORITIES IN SAIGON HAD BEEN MOST HELPFUL IN PROVIDING TRANSPORT TO HUNGARIAN ICCS PERSONNEL DURING THIS CRITICAL AND DANGEROUS PERIOD AND HE WISHED CONVEY OFFICIAL THANKS FOR THAT ASSISTANCE.

2. MCAULIFFE PROMISED TO REPORT CONVERSATION TO WASHINGTON, ADDING THAT UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES HUMANITARIAN CONCERNS ARE OVERRIDING, AND U.S. HAS NEVER SHIRKED WHENEVER NATURAL OR MAN-MADE DISASTER STRIKES. IN THAT SAME CONTEXT, MCAULIFFE REFERRED

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TO HIS APRIL 26 CONVERSATION WITH FONMIN PUJA RE WELFARE

OF TEN PRIVATE AMERICAN CITIZENS CAPTURED IN BAN ME
THUOT, AND OF U.S. DESIRE TO EFFECT THEIR PROMPT
RELEASE. RACZ REPLIED THAT HE KNEW OF USG INTEREST.
CONFUSED SITUATION IN VIETNAM MADE IT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE
TO LOCATE AND ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH "APPROPRIATE PRG
OFFICIALS." IN ADDITION RACZ COMMENTED THAT IT WAS
POSSIBLE THAT AMERICAN AUTHORITIES OVRESTIMATED
INFLUENCE OF "SOCIALIST COUNTRIES" WITH THEIR "FRATERNAL
BROTHERS IN ASIA." MCAULIFFE RESPONDED THAT HE PERSONALLY
EXPECTED NO MIRACLES BUT THAT USG WOULD APPRECIATE EFFORT
BY GOH--THROUGH ANY DIRECT OR INDIRECT CHANNELS AVAILABLE
TO IT--TO EFFECT SPEEDY RELEASE OF THESE TEN UNOFFICIAL
AMERICAN CIVILIANS.
MCAULIFFE

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